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NEW NAVAL PROBLEMS DIFFICULTIES AHEAD.

Prospects For Coming Conference
AGREEMENT NECESSARY

London, To-day. If no new agreement is reached before the London and Washington Treaties expire at the end of 1936, the world will be exposed afresh to the danger of unrestricted competition in naval armaments, with all its calamitous effects on national budgets and international relations, says *The Times*, and continues that recent political developments have not made the task any easier.

The unfortunate tension in the Far East and the Mediterranean may make all the Powers reluctant, for different reasons, to accept restrictions upon their naval programmes.

JAPAN'S OPPOSITION
With all the obstacles in the way of agreement upon quantitative limitation attention has turned more insistently towards a qualitative method of limitation. Japan, however, holds that without quantitative limitation in the form of a common upper limit she cannot accept any measure of qualitative restriction, even if this initial difficulty is overcome.

A further difficulty arises in agreeing upon the limits to be adopted. The British views have not been changed since the 1932 declaration, that Britain not only desires that the number of ships should be limited, but also that the tonnage and size of guns allowed for the ships of the principal classes should be reduced to figures far below the existing maximum limits.

AGREEMENT VITAL

Possibly no other Power was ready to go so far in this direction as Britain proposes, so that the necessity for an agreement must be clear to all. Both political and financial good sense forbid the revival of unrestricted competition, especially in the present state of the world. Despite every obstacle the Conference must reach an agreement.—Reuter.

NAVAL PARLEYS IN LONDON OPENING SESSION TO-DAY

DELEGATES COURTESY CALLS ON LORD MONSELL

London, To-day.

The French, Italian and American delegations to the Naval Conference paid courtesy calls on Lord Monsell at the Admiralty yesterday. No new features have emerged from the conversations, and it is understood that the American position has not materially changed since the last conference. The Americans do not anticipate making any new proposals but rely on Britain as hosts of the conference, to take the initiative.

Twelve members of each delegation will attend to-day's session, and thereafter only seven members will attend the meetings. There will be no afternoon meeting to-day, but the conference will meet to-morrow to discuss procedure and ap-

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AIR RAID ON DESSIE SECOND ATTACK LAUNCHED

Italian Letter Dropped
By Planes

ABYSSINIANS AROUSED

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Berlin, To-day.

A second air attack on Dessie on Saturday is confirmed by a message from a German news agency's correspondent at Asmara, who states, however, that according to the Italians, the second expedition to Dessie was more in the nature of a reconnaissance flight, though bombing planes attacked a large body of Abyssinian troops near the city, the pilots declaring that they inflicted heavy losses.

Observers also report having counted about 70 red cross flags, and that the town itself was occupied by troops.

The first bombardment of Dessie was carried out, it is declared by the Italian headquarters, because from reliable reports it was known that the Negus was there with an army of 100,000 men. The Emperor, it is stated, escaped death by a miracle, half the palace having been wrecked by bombs.

INSULTING LETTER

Addis Ababa, To-day. Addis Ababa, Dessie was again the objective of an air bombardment yesterday morning, though the damage is reported to have been inconsiderable. Several deaths were caused by the second bombardment on Saturday and a number of houses were burnt down.

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CHIANG VIRTUAL DICTATOR

Powers Granted By
North Congress

"UNITY AND CO-OPERATION"

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Canton, To-day.

TROOP MOVEMENT
Peiping: The arrival of Japanese troops at Tungchow, 15 miles from Peiping, is causing considerable speculation. According to reliable Chinese reports 100 infantry arrived at Tungchow from Kuei-kuan yesterday and quartered themselves at a school. They stated that they intended to remain indefinitely.

Some 200 Japanese cavalry arrived at Myan, north-east of Peiping, yesterday, and they are also going to Tungchow.—Reuter.

"COMOTE" MEMBERS ARRESTED

Ideas "Contrary To The
Japanese Constitution"

Tokyo, To-day.

Thirty members of the Comote, a Japanese religious sect, have been arrested as a sequel to raids by the police on the headquarters of the sect in Tokyo and Kyoto, according to the Rengo news agency. At the arrests, priests were discovered that the sect is spreading ideas "contrary to the Japanese constitution."

The Comote advocates the assimilation of Christianity, Buddhism and Shintoism, and has about 3,000,000 members.—Reuter.

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Ras Haile Selassie Gipsa, who deserted Ethiopia to fight with the Italians, is pictured inspecting his newly-arrived native troops at Adigrat. Ras Gipsa received permission to enter Makkale, his native city, with the first Italian forces, hoping to save his mother and other relatives from being taken as hostages by the fleeing Ethiopian defenders, but he was too late.

THE FRANCO-BRITISH PEACE PLAN CONCESSIONS TO ITALY

Paris, To-day. The Franco-British peace plan goes much further towards meeting Italy than any devised hitherto, according to a well-informed French source. The whole of Eritre would be given to Italy, with the exception of Axum, and also the Ogaden and Danakil country. Moreover, Italy would receive sufficient land for colonisation to accommodate 1,500,000 colonists.

It is understood that Sir Samuel Hoare agreed that this territory should be limited in the north by the 8th degree of Latitude, on the west by the 36th degree of Longitude, and on the south by the frontiers of Kenya and the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan. This is stated to be double the territory to which the British originally agreed.

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AVALANCHE SWEEPS DOWN ON KIROVSK

Eighty-Eight People Killed

Moscow, To-day. Eighty-five people were killed when an avalanche swept down Yelkoper Mountain upon the city of Kirovsk, in Kola peninsula, Moscow, later. Two two-storeyed houses were completely destroyed by a wall of snow. Two thousand workers were rushed to the rescue of those trapped, but only succeeded in extricating 47 people alive.

Three more persons have died from their injuries, bringing the death toll to 88.—Reuter.

Abyssinia would be offered the port of Assab with a corridor to the sea, but in the event of Italy refusing to cede Assab, the British are still ready to cede Zeila to Abyssinia.

With regard to the Amharic provinces in Abyssinia, the Negus would be requested to send a demand for protection to the League, which would be exercised by technical counsellors, including Italians.

The proposals have been sent to Mr. Stanley Baldwin and there is little doubt that they will be accepted in London. They will then be communicated to Rome and Addis Ababa, and the Duce will be asked to reply before next Tuesday.—Reuter.

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PARIS TALKS PROVE SATISFACTORY STATEMENT ISSUED BY M. LAVAL

MUSSOLINI ASKED TO DECLARE
DEMANDS AND INTENTIONS

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Paris, To-day.

Despite the little cause for optimism provided by Signor Mussolini's Chamber speech the general opinion reflected in the Paris press after the first day's conversations between Sir Samuel Hoare and M. Laval is that the prospects for the Franco-British proposals leading to the opening of negotiations are not altogether unfavourable.

The papers point out that although the Duce did not make the hoped for conciliatory gesture, neither did he definitely refuse to consider the new proposals.

The *Paris-Paris* hopes that Signor Mussolini will accept the Franco-British proposals as a basis for negotiations, thus enabling the intended oil embargo to be once more postponed, and in justification of its optimism claims authority for stating that Signor Mussolini informed M. Laval on Saturday evening through the Italian Ambassador that he was willing to negotiate on the proposals to be submitted to him.

The journals *Espresso* and *Figaro* write in similar vein, though the latter paper criticises the negative nature of the Duce's speech, adding, however, that it must be taken into consideration that it was delivered to the Fascist Deputies, which explained the very one-sided account of the situation which Signor Mussolini gave.

The optimism of the other papers is not shared by the *Figaro*, Editor, of *O'Gorman*, who declares that the Duce's speech has produced not only disappointment but bitterness in political circles here. Sir Samuel Hoare and M. Laval stated the paper, would request Signor Mussolini to send Baron Aloisi to Paris, should he accept the proposals as a basis for negotiations. Both the Ministers, moreover, resolved that in any case the Committee of Eighteen shall meet on December 12, but that the oil embargo shall not come into force before January 1, or be further postponed should satisfactory proposals be received from Italy in the meantime.

In authoritative quarters, however, continues the paper, little hope is held that the new Franco-British proposals will fare better than their predecessors.

"FRIENDS OF HUMANITY"
Rome: After the distribution of prizes to the participants in the "corn campaign," Signor Mussolini gave a speech in which he demanded that the corn campaign be fought with all the means at the country's disposal and in a spirit of the greatest confidence. "We have and shall have, an exceptional harvest. That is the only way to prevent the friends of humanity in Geneva from finding the courage to impose bread sanctions. The unity in our ranks is the pledge of our final victory," he said.

SOME PROGRESS MADE
Paris: Some progress towards the peaceful settlement of the Italo-Abyssinian conflict appears to have been made in the course of yesterday, as a result of the discussions between Sir Samuel Hoare and M. Laval and their respective collaborators, which lasted with a short intermission, throughout the day until 6.30 p.m.

After the conclusion of the conversations M. Laval issued the following statement: "Inspired by the same desire for conciliation and by the spirit of Franco-British friendship, we have, in the course of our long conversations yesterday and to-day sought a formula which might serve for a peaceful

SABOTAGE AT DEVONPORT

DELIBERATE SHORT CIRCUIT CAUSED

SUBMARINE EQUIPMENT ALSO TAMPERED WITH

London, To-day. Most disturbing incidents at Devonport Dockyard are understood to be engaging the attention of Admiralty officials and Scotland Yard.

Several hundred pounds worth of damage was done to the battleship Royal Oak, re-fitting at Devonport, when a failure in the electric system caused a short circuit, which was undiscoverable after three days' search. At last it was revealed that a sailor, eight inches in diameter, had pierced a two-inch cable connecting the control tower of the battleship with the dockyard power station, the head of the pin being sawn off and the lead cover of the cable replaced.

Trouble in the big submarine Oberon, also electrical, was discovered during a sea test after repairs. A commutator had been tampered with.

Both cases are believed to be acts of sabotage.—Reuter.

solution of the Italo-Abyssinian conflict.

"There can be no question of publishing this formula at the present juncture. The British Government has not yet been officially informed and only when it gives its consent will it be possible to submit the formula for approval by the interested Powers as well as the League of Nations."

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Conversations With The Reich

COMMON-FRANCO-BRITISH STAND AGREED TO

Paris, To-day. Franco-British relations with Germany were also discussed at Saturday's meeting between Sir Samuel Hoare and M. Laval and their respective

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General Lee 13
Pres. McKinley 13

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Dec. Tatsuta Maru 10
Emp. of Russia 12
Pres. Doomer 13
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WOMEN'S DAY

The Best Woman Beggar

"Little Grandmother" Of Y.W.C.A.

Large Gathering In London

Girls from 56 countries dressed in national costume are to sign any letters appealing for funds for her work, and that was not thought a fitting thing for a woman to do," explained Miss Kinnaid. "So my father had to sign the letters for her. Later, when a secretary was required for the rapidly growing Y.W.C.A., it was necessary to have a man, because it was impossible for a woman even to go into a bank.

Among those representing China in the audience will be Miss Koo, daughter of the famous Chinese diplomat Mr. Wellington Koo. The most curious dress will be worn by a Filipino from Manila, Miss Flora A. Ylagan. It will be of plaited grass and pineapple fibre dyed purple and ornamented with rainbow-coloured flowers. The Argentinian will carry the traditional poncho, or blanket-coated, while the Latvian girl will wear a dozen stiffened petticoats, a gaily-dyed frock and a traditional jewelled headdress.

Next to the Queen, the most honoured guest at the party will be the veteran Hon. Emily Kinnaid, the "little grandmother" of the Y.W.C.A. She and the Association will celebrate their 30th birthdays together.

"I learned a great deal about the art of begging from the late Lord Knutsford—the 'Prince of Beggars' who raised many thousands for London hospitals.

"He taught me to be untidy in my letters. It's a great mistake ever to make begging letters look too official" he used to say. And he often had his letters of appeal lithographed with a mistake deliberately left in!"

A CLEAN COLLAR

The collar of a waterproof often becomes soiled and greasy before the rest of the coat shows any sign of wear. The mark may be successfully treated with eucalyptus oil applied with a soft clean cloth, but the coat must then be well aired to remove the smell of the oil. If the cleaning has to be done at short notice it is more convenient to use warm dry salt. This should be sprinkled freely over the mark, rubbed well in with a piece of clean white flannel, and then brushed off. The advantage of this treatment is that it leaves no smell and is perfectly safe.

COULDN'T SIGN LETTERS

Miss Kinnaid has a fund of stories about difficulties under which her mother worked in the 1850's.

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POPEYE—The Pied-Piper of Spinachova."

"I COME TO GET ME SHEEP—WE HAD A LITTLE LOW TIDE AND THEY ALL WALKED ACROSS THE CHANNEL AND I CAME TO TAKE 'EM BACK—OH YEAH—POPEYE TOOK 'EM FROM ME."

"WE WON'T GO BACK! WE WANT TO BE RULED BY FEMININITY—WHERE QUEEN OLIVE IS, THERE WE SHALL BE ALSO."

"OH YEAH—WON'T YOU HAD IT?"

"SO YA WON'T GO BACK TO SPINACHOVA, OH? NO, WE WON'T."

"LOOK OUT FOR ME WHEN I GETS ARKED, COME HERE TO BLASTED WOMAN."

"NO, NO! A THOUSAND TIMES NO?!"

"HELP! HELP! YOU CAN'T DO THIS TO ME! ALL ME!"

"THE SHEEP WILL FOLLOW YA ACROSS THE CHANNEL AND WHEN THE TIDE COMES UP I'LL SEND YA BACK IN A SACK IN A SINGER BOAT!"



FURS RULE THE DAY

Persian Lamb Popular

A word about furs: Persian Lamb seems to rule the day. What else encourages the Polish, Hungarian, drummer's allure so convincingly? Silver foxes run loose for formal clothes, and, of course, mink and ermine are still in the picture for night time.

Coming to evening dresses there is something we must all face. Evening gowns are beautiful, but a little difficult to wear. Briefly there are three types. The draped and swathed (Vionnet) or the side draped; those skin-tight sheaths shirred at centre, back or sides. (Patou); and third (and easiest to wear) floating drapery. Not many dressers trial on the floor; some skirts just cover in the instep, others are scooped up in front, a great majority are slit and uneven. Here again, a combination of bright colours is rampant. The plain shades are

supplemented by a variety of

colours.

Evening dress calls for hair ornaments; not only feathers, ribbons, and jewels, but little net, lace, and beaded caps of Renaissance flavour.

Coarse hair nets are worn in the daytime under hats according to some fashion announcements.

Although it is at the moment an extreme style, which will not be adopted at once by women generally, it has much good sense to recommend it. The net controls wayward locks and yet by the audacity of its

vigorous mesh lays claim to being itself a decoration, not merely a contribution to neatness.

AMONG THE SILENT POINTS

OF THE SEASON ARE SHORTER,

FLATTER SKIRTS, INCLUDING THE

SKIRT PORTION OF COATS;

DRAPERY AND SHIRRING ON

FRONTS; FULL SLEEVES; SOME

WITH SLASHES AND EMBROIDERY;

AND AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF PERSIAN LAMB.

WHITE PIQUE, WHICH PLAYED SUCH

A PART LAST SUMMER IN DAINTY

LINGERIE TOUCHES AT THROAT AND

WRIST, HAS NOW YIELDED ITS ROLE TO

ERMINIE, WHICH IS FASHIONED INTO

COLLARS, CUFFS, GILETS, JABOTS, AND

PLAISIERS.

CLEANING LAMP SHADES

Dry Cleaning With Petrol

Removable glass reading-lamp shades should be quickly dipped in warm water and soap flakes, then put into another bowl containing warm water and a little borax. Dry at once with a linen cloth and polish with a dry wash-leather. Alabaster shades can be removed by cleaning occasionally with a paste made of whiting and methylated spirits. The paste should be rubbed on with a piece of rag, then polished off thoroughly with a soft cloth. Spirits of turpentine and powdered pumice stone will remove bad stains, but this treatment should only be used when essential, as it is rather drastic. At other times these shades should be washed with borax and water, and polished with a rag dipped in plaster of Paris.

SOAPY LATHER

Silk shades should be dipped in a mild, soapy lather and worked up and down until clean. Rinse in cold water and hang out to dry. They should be perfectly dry before being used again. Artificial silk is best dry-cleaned with petrol. Dip small pieces of rag into the petrol, rub the shade well, and discard each piece as it gets dirty. This should be done in the open air, and the shade left for some hours before it is used. Parchment and imitation parchment should be cleaned with gum rubber, or else rubbed all over with pieces of cotton wool dipped in fine oatmeal.

DAINTY SWEETNESS

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The urge for a cape is unquenchable. Though capes do

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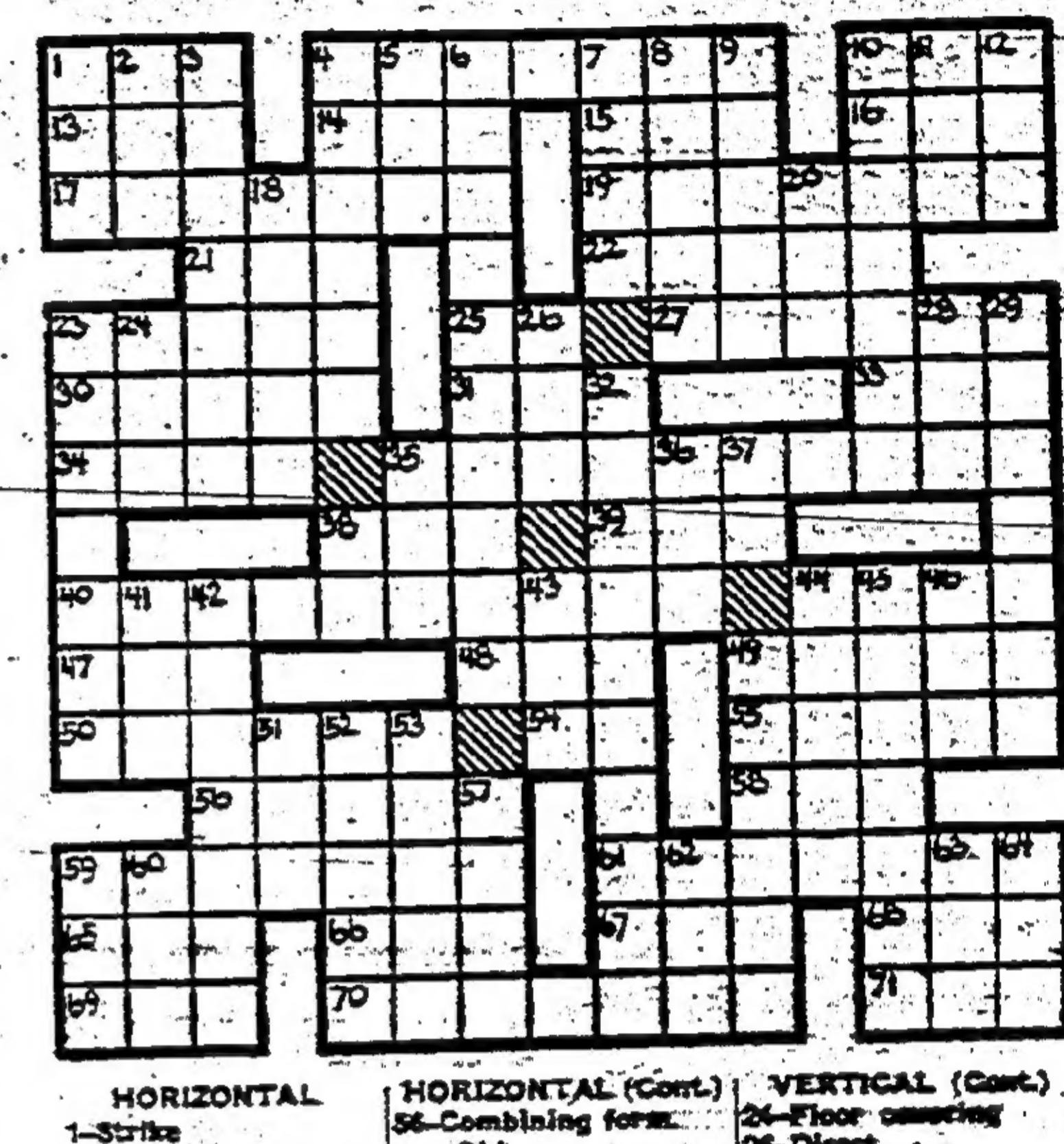
wear, coats with important sleeves and materials are conspicuous exceptions.

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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and alibi.



HORIZONTAL (Cont.)
1-Snake 4-Row gently 10-Kitchen utensil 13-A compass point (abbr.) 14-Man's name 15-Superlative suffix 16-Epoch 17-18. Indigo 19-Ocean vessel 21-Cure 22-Earth (Fr.) 23-Ascent 25-Musical note 27-Checked 28-Put in accord with 31-A tree 33-Digit 34-Initiates 35-Measurements 36-A title 37-Purposes 39-Act of putting into words 41-Sermon 42-Continuing form 44-English country 45-Those who sort 46-Metric land measure 48-Slip the water in sailing 51-No (Soot) 52-African antelope 53-Restrain from writing 57-Combining form 58-Home 59-Eiffel 60-Note in Guido's scale 62-A beverage 63-Fish eggs 64-Fest 65-Dims

VERTICAL (Cont.)
28-Elm 29-Elephant 30-Tables 31-Scenes 32-Revives 33-Explor 34-Insect egg 35-Scare 36-A small Minnow (abbr.) 37-A thoroughfare 38-A title 39-National Education Association (abbr.) 40-Combining form 41-Outside 44-English country 45-Those who sort 46-Metric land measure 48-Slip the water in sailing 51-No (Soot) 52-African antelope 53-Restrain from writing 57-Combining form 58-Home 59-Eiffel 60-Note in Guido's scale 62-A beverage 63-Fish eggs 64-Fest 65-Dims

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in Monday's issue.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

THE URGE FOR A CAPE

Cloaking For Evening Wear

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ITALIANS MAKE FOR SOUTH AFRICA

INCREASE NOTED

AUTHORITIES ATTACH NO SIGNIFICANCE

NUMBERS ARE STILL SMALL

ONE LESS RETURNS HOME

JOHANNESBURG

There has been an increase in the number of Italians who are emigrating from their country to South Africa. The latest statistics show that the figure for the first half of last year has been exceeded during the first half of this year by over 60 per cent.

It is doubtful whether any particular significance can be attached to this, since the volume of emigration from Italy to the Union is comparatively small.

Official figures supplied in Pretoria show that during the six months, January to June, 1934, 49 Italian immigrants entered the Union. During the corresponding half year in 1935 this figure advanced to 79.

The reverse movement shows a contrary tendency. Whereas 13 persons left the Union to settle in Italy during the first half of 1934, only 12 left during the first half of 1935.—Reuter.

IMMUNITY AFTER SNAKE BITE

Man's Miraculous Recovery

OTHERS MAY NOW BE SAVED

Tashkent, Russian Turkestan.—The serum taken from the blood of a man who was bitten by an cobra (a small, but deadly type of poison snake), and who, by a miracle, recovered, may now save the lives of many others.

It is the only known radical remedy against the bite of this reptile.

In addition, he will, for the rest of his life, be immune from such bites himself.

A scientific worker named Peatley was conducting experiments some time ago with one of these snakes at the Uzbek zoological gardens when he was bitten in the thumb.

Violent Illness

His temperature fell to subnormal and his pulse rose to 136. Vomiting and other physical signs seemed to indicate that he was doomed.

Finally, after the most careful nursing and a blood transfusion, he surprised everyone by recovering. Now, he will be able to work with these snakes as much as he likes. They hold no danger for him.

The recovery is believed to be due to the fact that just before the man was bitten he had eaten most of the poison out of the snake's fangs.—Reuter.

42 PICTURES IN SPACE OF ONE STAMP

Ordinary Labourer's Achievement

TOOK FIVE NIGHTS TO COMPLETE

Melbourne, Victoria.—Working with a three-year-old penny paintbrush under the light of a kerosene lamp, Mr. O. T. S. Webb, of Eltham North, has executed paintings so tiny that 42 different views just cover the size of an ordinary Jubilee stamp.

Yet Mr. Webb is not a painter, he does pick and shovel work at Eltham.

He has never had a day's tuition at painting yet has done oils on bark and leaves. Ever since he was at school, he said, painting has been his hobby.

"I read recently of a painter in Kettering, England, who did 30 different views," he explained, "so I thought I would try, too. So as soon as the day's work was finished I would have a quick tea, get the washing-up done, and then settle down to the painting. It took five nights.

"The brush had one straight hair, and I used that for the very thin lines."

No Magnifying Glass

Mr. Webb said he did not use a magnifying glass when painting, but later looked through one to see if any details were lacking.

Every one of the 42 miniatures is done in its proper colour, and the sea-scape scenes lack very little detail from a large painting, even the white waves being thrown out on a blue sea.

The landscapes are also well executed.—Reuter.

CHILE OPENS ARMS ENQUIRY

Order Amounting To £12,000,000

Santiago.—Armament contracts amounting to £12,000,000 placed in Great Britain and on the continent between 1927 and 1931, when General Carlos Ibáñez was President, are being subjected to investigation by a commission here, at the request of the Chamber of Deputies.

It is stated that the commission is "absolutely independent." The admiral has created a profound impression, since "almost all the money supplied for his expenditure of armaments" was derived from American loans.

The Chamber has decided that no publicity shall be given to the evidence supplied in the course of the inquiry or until a final report is issued by the Commission.

The reason for this is declared to be the unfavourable results obtained by the New Government in the United States when evidence reflecting on Chilean officials was given.

The Government has retained the services of American lawyers to represent Chile in the Commission's contracts.—Reuter.

Amusements

Cinema Notes

DONNIE SCOTLAND—KINGS AND ALHAMBRA THEATRES

The team of Laurel and Hardy deservedly a necessary institution in the entertainment world, tops any past performance with their "reunion" feature comedy, "Donnie Scotland," showing at the King's and Alhambra Theatres to-day.

A deluge of protesting mail poured in on the producer, Hal Roach, when it became known that Laurel and Hardy planned to part several months ago.

In their current production, pompous Oliver McHardy accompanies his weak friend, Stanley McLaurel, to Scotland to claim his share of the magnificent estate of a deceased uncle. To their chagrin and discomfort, the uncle has bequeathed to Stan only some valueless heirlooms. The bulk of the estate has been willed to Lorna McLaurel, the deceased relative's grand-daughter, played by June Lang.

The love of Lorna and Alan Douglas, a struggling young barrister, portrayed by William James, provides a romantic thread throughout the picture, from a hilarious mix-up, the air of fun-makers emerge to lead themselves enlisted in a Highland Regiment and assigned to India. Attired in kilts, the two comedians go through hazardous and breathless experiences as "laddies from hell." The result is a picture packed with well-timed laughs.

"EIGHT LIGHTS"—QUEEN'S THEATRE

Joe E. Brown, where mouth is certainly his fortune, has the most ambitious role of his career in "Eight Lights," the present attraction at the Queen's Theatre.

This film has everything. It is a first class musical and, at the same time, it will provide you with more laughs than you have enjoyed for a long time. Naturally Joe E. is the comedian, but there are acrobats and adagio dancers, and a beautiful chorus of 100 girls.

For the first time you will have the pleasure of hearing Joe sing and watch him dance. Among those present are beautiful Ann Dvorak (in a singing role), William Gargan, Patricia Ellis, Joe Cawthorn and The Five Maxwells.

"CAR 99"—ORIENTAL THEATRE

How modern police forces use radio in trailing and tracking down criminals is strikingly illustrated in Paramount's "Car 99," with Fred MacMurray, Sir Guy Standing and Ann Sheridan heading the cast.

The picture, based on the popular short stories of Karl Detzer, which recently appeared in *The Saturday Evening Post*, goes behind the scenes of activities with the Michigan State Police, most famous of the motorized anti-crime forces. It shows how a small body of trained men can efficiently patrol an entire state with the help of radio communication.

"MURDER IN THE FLEET"—MAJESTIC THEATRE

A murder is committed while a giant battleship is being inspected, with the result that all are suspect and are not permitted to go ashore.

The plot is complicated by the fact that a newly invented time-suspending apparatus has to be installed in the ship in time for her to sail on schedule.

The apparatus is a closely guarded secret and it is the men who are fitting it up who come to the murderer's aid.

The talented cast includes Kent Taylor, as a dashing young lieutenant, Jean Parker, as his bride-to-be, Walter Byron, as the commander of the battleship, Donald Cook, Ted Hardy, Ned Pendleton and Una Merkel.

"THE CHAKMANT STAR"—THEATRE

Carol B. DeMille's "The Chakmants" is the second stage show of the year to be presented at the Majestic Theatre.

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BRIDGE NOTES

A DIFFICULT CONTRACT

By E. Culbertson

The true test of an expert player comes in the play when confronted with a dummy of less value than anticipated. I admit in the following hand my raise was somewhat optimistic and I was more than delighted with my partner's play of the hand below:

South Dealer
East-West vulnerable

North—Mrs. Culbertson
S-A J 10 8 6
H-K 6
D-A Q 8 5
C-A Q

West—Sims
S-K Q 7
H-A 10 8
D-K 7 6 3
C-4 3 2

East—Mrs. Sims
S-5 4
H-Q J 9 7
D-J 10 4
C-10 7 5

South—Culbertson
S-3 3 2
H-5 4 3 2
D-9 2
C-K 9 8 6

The bidding: (Figures after bids refer to numbered explanatory paragraphs).

South West North East
Pass Pass 1S. Pass
INT. (2) Pass 3D. (2) Pass
SS. (3) Pass 4S Pass
Pass Pass

1—This is a "psychic" one-notrump which I made to conceal my weakness from our vulnerable opponents.

Sporting Page

FEDERATION DEFEAT ASSOCIATION IN GOVERNOR'S CUP



BRANWELL BREAKS UP PARTNERSHIPS HUNTING PERSEVERED WITH AGAINST ARMY PERSSE PLAYS FINE KNOCK

(By L. B. W.)

THE weather on Saturday was not at all conducive to good cricket and for that reason I think it was most satisfactory to the teams concerned that the Army-Navy league fixture should have been abandoned to be replayed at a later date. As it was I doubt if any definite conclusion could have been arrived at even if the game had been allowed to go on up till 5.45 p.m.—the official time for drawing stumps.

Capt. Walsh again won the toss for the Army and elected to bat in a slight drizzle with a very stiff breeze blowing across the wicket. Capt. Persse and Lt. Williams opened the batting for the Army and it was soon evident that the former was palpably out of practice. Williams, on the other hand, shaped very well and gave the impression that he was going to make some runs.

Lt. Branwell, the Navy skipper, opened the bowling with Day and Tufnell (Pavilion end), but after only one over Branwell took the former off and gave Hunting the ball. For his first senior league game, Tufnell bowled very well indeed was not in the least afraid of tossing them up. Off his second ball Persse gave one of the easiest returns I have ever seen, but the bowler put it down!

At this stage Williams was playing the better cricket of the two, though he survived a confident appeal for obstruction against Tufnell, but just when he appeared to have got his eye in he had the misfortune to play on to Hunting.

From the Pavilion it appeared as though Tufnell was swinging a little in addition to coming in awkwardly from the off. By this time Persse was well set and had settled down to play better cricket than I have seen him do since his innings for 50 odd runs in one of the early Interport trials.

Promising Stand Broken

With the score at 30, Day was given the ball again (in place of Tufnell) and sent down some very good deliveries in between some very short ones. Persse and Dawson played steadily, the rate of scoring slackening somewhat, but it nevertheless looked as though they were in for a big partnership. It was at this stage that Branwell took over the bowling from Hunting and, though his first over was not at all impressive, he succeeded in breaking the partnership in his second over when he had Persse caught in the slips by Day. It was an ignominious ending to a good innings.

Dawson Subdued

After this success Branwell very wisely went off again, giving the ball to Hunting. At the other end Tufnell relieved Day and met with immediate success, getting Dawson out lbw, though I must add here that I felt Dawson was not out as the ball appeared to pitch outside the off stump and break in sharply.

I saw Dawson make 45 against the Indians some weeks ago and expected some bright cricket when he went out to bat. Strangely enough, however, he was very subdued and took some time to compile his 15 runs.

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FRENCH TENNIS WIN

German Players Lose In Paris

Paris, To-day

A special match between the Tennis Club de Paris and the German Rot Weiss Club, Berlin, in which the leading players of both France and Germany participated, and which took place on the Paris Tennis Club's covered courts, ended yesterday with a victory for the French players by the score of 4-1, France-Oceanic 2-0.

NEW DIVING COACH FOR BRITISH TEAM

J. W. Bowden, the well-known professional diver, has been engaged by the Southern Committee A.A.A. Executive Committee to coach the leading English divers for the 1936 Olympic Games. His classes will be held at Marshall's Studios throughout the winter.



Rivers, above, has so far displayed consistently good form for Lycauna in the First Division.

Yesterday's Soccer At A Glance

GOVERNOR'S CUP EAST LANCS. 2 S. CHINA R.A.S.C. & R.A.O.C. 2 NAVY

YESTERDAY'S GOALSCORERS

GOVERNO'S CUP	2
Lee Wai-tong (H.K.C.A.A.F.)	1
Fung King-cheung (H.K.C.A.A.F.)	1
Tay Suen-jiang (H.K.C.A.A.F.)	1
Ridley (H.K.F.A.)	1

SECOND DIVISION	3
Spencer (Navy)	2
Austin (Navy)	1
Wade (Navy)	1
Vaughan (R.A.S.C. & R.A.O.C.)	1
Clarke (R.A.S.C. & R.A.O.C.)	1
Horner (East Lancs.)	1
Batcliffe (East Lancs.)	1
Li Wing-on (S. China)	1

TABLE TO DATE

SECOND DIVISION	Goals	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Passiers	11	7	1	3	4	9	17	
East Lancs.	10	8	0	2	3	9	16	
South China	19	7	2	1	3	16	15	
Lincoln	10	7	2	1	3	10	15	
Engineers	10	5	3	2	2	12	12	
R. A. S. C. & R. A. O. C.	10	5	4	1	3	29	11	
Athletic	10	4	4	1	3	21	10	
Navy	7	5	1	2	2	13	11	
Club	11	2	7	2	2	35	6	
Recreio	9	3	2	0	1	19	22	
Eastern	10	2	6	2	2	18	25	
Radio	9	1	7	1	1	34	3	
University	8	1	6	1	1	19	29	
Kowloon	11	1	9	1	1	54	13	
Totals	136	53	58	20	33	336	126	

CAPTAIN'S CUP AT FANLING

Burton And Forsyth Qualify

C. H. Burton (83-13-70) qualified for the Captain's Cup on the Old Course at Fanling over the week-end. Other scores were:

W. A. Stewart (83-10-73); R. A. Rodgers (94-21-73); K. S. Robertson (79-6-73); T. J. Price (89-15-74); K. K. Rounds (90-16-74) and J. H. MacKnight (84-10-74). There were 32 entries.

A. K. Forsyth (88-24-64) qualified from 14 entries over the New Course. Other scores were: L. Goldman (80-15-72) and W. G. Robertson (91-17-74).

Club Disappointing

The Club displayed very disappointing form against the Athletic on Saturday and, would have won, but for poor display at forward, S. Strange, in the unusual position of inside-right being right out of the picture.

But for the prompt tackling of Hill and Zaiton and the splendid goalkeeping of George Rodger, the Club might have suffered an ignominious defeat.

Fine Pair Of Backs

Mak Shui-hon and Fu Ka-king, the Athletic backs, played sterling games and were mainly responsible for keeping the Club forwards at bay and, incidentally, gave Shu-Tin-tin very little to do in goal.

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Tang Kwing-sum, on the right-wing, and Young Kai-po and Chen Hong-kong, inside-forwards, were the most dangerous in the Chinese attack and severely tested Rodger with some rapid drives.

A. M. W. Scott beat D. K. Edwards 2-1.

O. C. Marton beat K. H. MacGregor 5-3.

K. S. Robertson beat T. A. Pearce 1-0.

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Wine song	Bill Cottons band
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HOME FOOTBALL

SUNDERLAND INCREASE GAP IN TITLE RACE

Leicester And Spurs Challenged

TRANMERE'S SOUND POSITION

London, Saturday.

Sunderland have now established a 5-point lead over their nearest rivals in the premier soccer league; Doncaster and Charlton crept up on Leicester and the Spurs; Luton and Coventry are on the heels of Reading; Tranmere consolidated their position at the head of the Northern Section; and the Scottish leaders are unchanged.



Detailed results, as cabled by Reuter, were as follows:

FIRST DIVISION	
Arsenal	v M'sborough
Birmingham	4 Huddersfield 1
Blackburn	3 Wednesday 2
Chelsea	1 Portsmouth 2
Grimsby	6 Brentford 2
Leeds	1 Derby 0
Liverpool	2 Preston 1
Manchester C.	5 A. Villa 0
Stoke	4 Wolves 1
Sunderland	7 Bolton 2
W. Brom.	6 Everton 1
* postponed owing to fog	
+ abandoned after 77 minutes owing to fog	
	Third Lanark 1 Celtic 3

SECOND DIVISION

Blackpool	4 Merton U. 1
Bradford	3 Barnsley 0
Bury	0 Fulham 0
Doncaster	2 Port Vale 0
Leicester	2 Hull 2
Norwich	1 Newcastle 0
Notts F.	4 Tottenham 1
Sheffield U.	0 Plymouth 0
Southampton	0 Bradford C. 0
Swansea	1 Charlton 2
W. Ham.	v Burnley 2
	postponed owing to fog.

THIRD DIVISION (South)

Aldershot	6 Bristol R. 1
Brighton	4 Reading 2
Bristol C.	1 B'mouth 0
Coventry	3 Southend 0
Exeter	1 Crystal P. 0
Millwall	0 Luton 2
Newport	5 N'hampton 1
Queen's P.R.	5 Cardiff 1
Swindon	2 Clapton 2
Torquay	0 Notts. C. 1
Watford	1 Gillingham 2

THIRD DIVISION (North)

Carlisle	v Barrow
Darlington	1 Chester 1
Gateshead	4 Lincoln 0
Halifax	1 Southport 2
Hartlepools	4 N. B'ton 2
Oldham	0 Chesterfield 0
Rotherham	3 Accrington 1
Stockport	1 Stockport 1
Tranmere	5 Rochdale 2
Walsall	6 York City 0



Tan Ah-Isai, above, the former Athletic pivot, has been forced to give up soccer owing to Air Force duties. He was an invaluable centre-half.

Chinese Teamwork Wins The Day

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The Chinese defence, opposed by the ever-brilliant Ridley, were forced to bring out their best, and once again Lee Tin-sang's experience and coolness enabled the Chinese to clear their lines when a goal appeared imminent.

Tam's Headwork

Tam Kong-pak was to the fore with his exceptionally fine head-work, and Pau Ka-ping effected many clever saves with none of Wong Wing's spectacular touches.

The Association made one change in the published team, Evans coming in at left-half, in place of Bowers.

Little in the nature of criticism can be levelled at the Association players. Each man pulled his weight, and it was merely lack of knowledge of each other's play that lost them the day.

Rodger played a great game in goal, diving here, there and everywhere, and bringing off saves when all things pointed to a goal. Swain, up to the time of his injury, and Chris Pile, worked unceasingly to break up the efforts of the opposing line, tackling quickly and clearing strongly at the first opportunity.

Bertie As Full-Back

With Swain out of the game in the second period, Bertie Gosano went to right-back and put up a far better show than he did at outside-right. Indeed, throughout the second half, with only ten men, the Association side gave a much brighter display all round.

Robertson and Evans were the best of the halves, though Lawton, faced with the task of holding Lee Wai-tong, played in great form, but failed in constructive play, which was where Robertson and Evans shone.

Ridley and Bickford proved an ideal left-wing, their clever inter-passing continually making openings, but Cannell appeared rather timid for a leader, and Harrison also did not quite fit in to the scheme of things.

Lee Wai-tong won the toss, and Cannell kicked off before a capacity crowd which included H.E. the O.A.C., Sir Thomas Southorn and party.

Chinese Take Lead

After 15 minutes of quickly fought exchanges, the Chinese took the lead. Fung sent Lee through, and the centre-forward swerved out to the right before sending in a low shot which passed Rodger, but Robertson cleared off the line. The ball went to Fung King-cheong, however, and he crashed it into an empty net.

Thirty seconds later, Lee Wai-tong snapped up a pass from Fung and netted with a glorious shot from 10 yards.

Pressing confidently, Lee had another fine effort, rather luckily saved by Rodger, then Tay Que-hang was given a low ball by Ip Pak-wah, and his terrific drive from an awkward angle curled into the top far corner—the best goal of the game as it turned out.

The Association brightened up considerably in the second half, and attacked strongly, but the handicap of only four forwards proved too great. The Chinese were proving a thoroughly efficient, keen and workmanlike side, vastly superior at half-back.

Cannell eventually broke clean through but was badly brought (Continued at Foot of Next Col.)

R.A.O.C. & R.A.S.C. BADLY TROUNCHED BY NAVY JUNIORS

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After 10 minutes play, Wride gave Navy the lead, only for the Corps to obtain a quick equaliser through Vaughan. Just before the interval Spencer registered, lobbing the ball in adult fashion over the advancing Cooper.

Navy Delight

The Navy delighted with some splendid combined movements on the resumption, and after several close efforts Spencer increased the sailors' lead. A clever bout of passing culminated in a further goal, Austin scoring.

Spencer brought the Navy's total to five, and Austin obtained the sixth with a neat header from a long centre by Willcock.

The Corps rallied in the closing stages, Clark scoring their second goal.

RECREIO NEED NEW STIMULANT

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Attacking Negligible!

The amount of attacking undertaken by the Club forwards in the opening half was negligible, their whole time being taken up—with the defence—in a rigid defence.

Although the score 5 nil indicates that the Police had things very much their own way in their clash with Stonemasons on Saturday, the Association made one change in the published team, Evans coming in at left-half, in place of Bowers.

Magnificent Fresh

The Gunners' defence put up a magnificent front and it was due to the efforts of Lewis and Price that the custodians of the law did not make a round dozen goals.

Following his shaky appearance against the champions last Sunday week, McHardy was in top form and made several splendid saves, one at full-length when he just managed to turn the ball round the upright.

Britain Is Good

Britain was the pick of the Police—intermediates—S.M.C. and more than justified his inclusion in the senior eleven.

One of the most remarkable games seen for many a long month was witnessed at Chatham Road on Saturday, where the Frailiers surprised the Navy seniors in a brilliant last minute rally, when they scored two goals in quick succession to win by the odd goal in three.

SOUTH CHINA SWEEP

Ticket 51393 Wins \$53,556.76

The following was the result of the draw of the Macao Jockey Club South China Cup Sweep Stake, which took place in the Club House of the South China Athletic Association, Caroline Hill, yesterday.

Name of Pony	No. of Ticket
Belmont Star	027319
Boxing Eve	025458
Beginner's Luck	003544
Blacksmith	003336
Cooper Idol (Second)	055069
Diogenes	071179
Emergency Call	083103
Festival Eve	063565
Flamingo	015733
Flybynight	057449
Flying Tourist	124643
Glad Eyes	118372
Gold Currency	121118
Gold Bullion	120432
Heart's Glory	112334
Iron Grey	032467
Linedlight	013261
Locsley Hall	077100
Lucky Strike	016182
Mercy	021522
Nebulus Star	012472
Partnership	112087
Plain View	030035
Popular Star	027069
Roussea (Third)	095310
Silver Fox	104531
The Deemster	065162
Tin Fo	019455
Tin Fo	112202
Tiny Star (First)	051232
Valley Hall	072424
Valley View	122281
Wing The Time	127061
West Parade	033697
William Oster	104983
Young Chay	027101

List Of Prizes

Total Number of Tickets sold—59218.

Ticket No.

1st Prize, 051232 \$53,556.76

2nd Prize, 055069 15,301.23

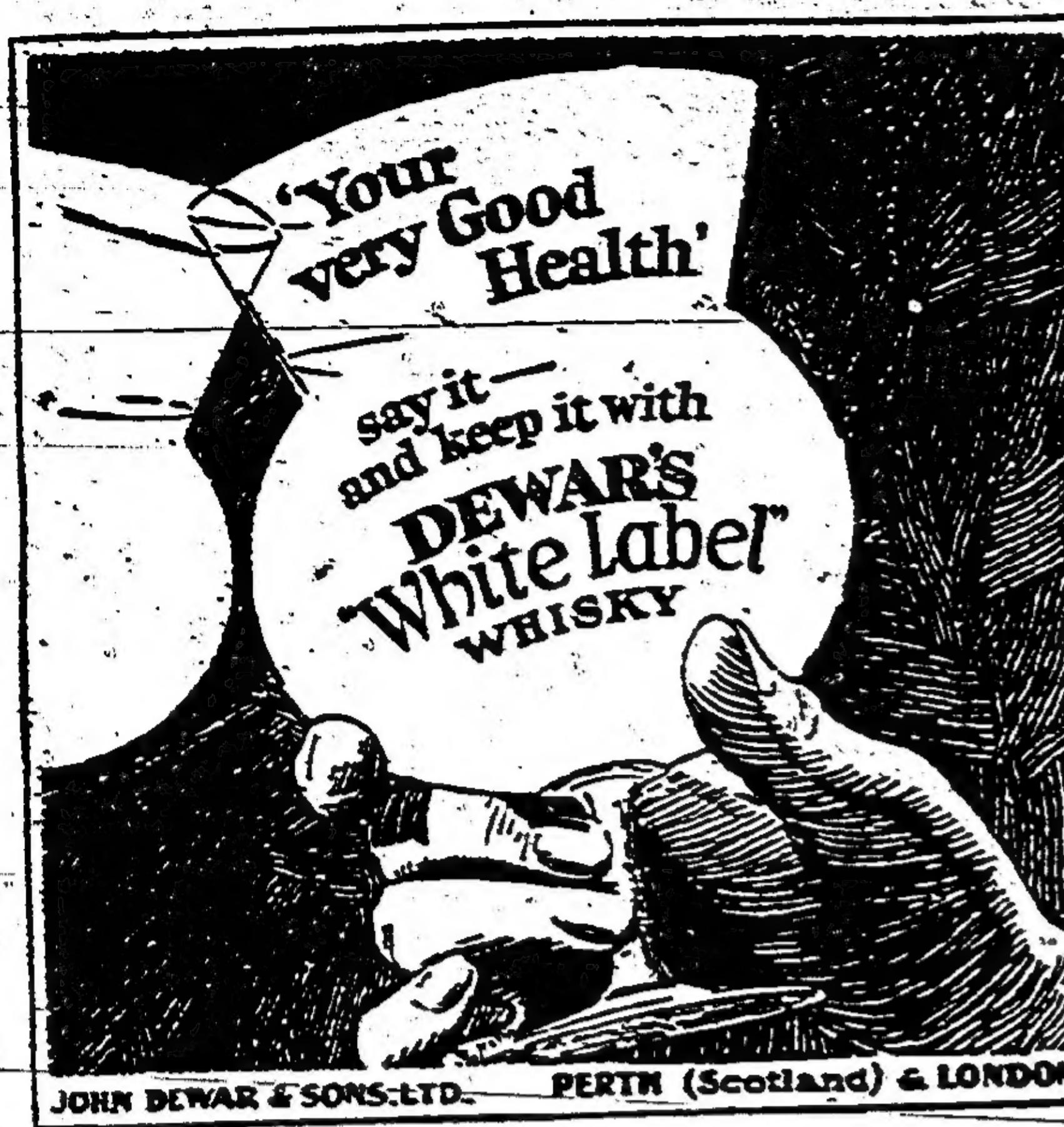
3rd Prize, 033697 7,650.97

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down by Tam Kong-pak and from the ensuing penalty Rodger obtained the Association's only goal.

Deciding it was time to reassert their advantage, the Chinese suddenly attacked and Lee went through in a characteristic run, beating Pile and Gosano, but his slowly placed shot was stopped by Rodger.

A good shot by Fung was finely saved by Rodger, who dived full-length across the goal to divert round the post, but a 'scrubber' from Lee Wai-tong from 20 yards out soon after placed the issue beyond doubt.



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Proper Pride

Britons abroad are apt to be unconsciously resentful of the fact that not all foreigners speak our language. Britons at home are frankly astonished that foreigners should visit them in their turn without acquiring their tongue. Feeling thus, it is clearly their duty to see that the foreigners have greater opportunities of knowing both them and their language, but what the Prince of Wales recently called our "national shyness" holds us back. An organisation, over which the Prince presided at St. James's Palace, has been formed to conquer this "national shyness" and display to the nations abroad some of the things in which we take a proper pride—our literature, our art, our music and drama and our scientific achievement. In particular, it is desired to encourage English studies at foreign universities.

The British Council for Relations with Other Countries, which has set these aims before it, has been formed only a few months, but already it has done useful work in the Scandinavian and Baltic countries, in Poland and in Portugal. Promoted by the Foreign Office and in close touch with five other Government Departments, it was launched with a small grant of £6,000 from the Treasury and aided by that generous donor, Lord Wakefield, and other private individuals. Now France and Italy each budget over £1,000,000 a year for national "propaganda" and prestige. Japan has recently budgeted £100,000 for similar purposes during the coming year, and the vast resources of the German Ministry of Propaganda are being expended outside the Reich no less than within. Funds on a much larger scale than £6,000, though not necessarily Government funds, are necessary if the English people are to take a similar interest in making themselves known. If the chief causes of war are international suspicions and misunderstandings, they should help remove them by spreading some knowledge of the language which moulds their thoughts and of the arts in which they express their feelings.

Books Our Best Friends

In spite of all the rivals of modern invention, moving picture and broadcast speech, there never was a time when books meant so much to the world as they do to-day. Far more people now than ever before feel, as the Princess Marie Louise said, in opening "The Sunday Times" Book Exhibition at Dorland Hall last month, that "books are our best friends." The output of the publishers is continually increasing, and that would be impossible if the habit of reading and buying books were not from year to year more widely spread and intensified. At the Exhibition nearly a hundred publishing houses were displaying their wares. If the numbers of new books are greater than ever, the range of subjects, of treatment and of spirit is also far wider.

We shall make no comparisons between the quality of the literature of 1935 and that of the past. For one sufficient reason, connoisseurs values are almost always wrong. But in this matter we are clearly right, for the past year, that

Here There, and Everywhere.

DESERT BLOCKADE

Economic sanctions are not new to East Africa. They were put into force with some effect during the wars against the Mad Mullah in British Somaliland. They took the form of intercepting caravans belonging to tribes in sympathy with the Dervishes who were thus unable to sell their hides and skins in the Aden market and unable to obtain dates, rice and tea.

The blockade was not complete since the British occupation was not complete. When the Mullah started on his career there were only 10 officers and 130 sepoys in the Protectorate.

The Mullah had an outlet to the sea at Illig (Italian Somaliland) until the British Government obtained Italian permission to land a force there and drive him out.

Wal Wal was another favourite haunt of the Mullah's. It was in an attempt to reach him there that a British force was cut to pieces by the Dervishes in the Gumburri hills. After many years' fighting in the area where General Graziani is now operating the last Angle-Somali emissaries to see the Mullah found him near Gorahal, on the Ogaden front.

MESS KIT DENOUNCED

A cry from India for the abolition of mess kit has been received by The Fighting Forces. A correspondent sees no reason why an officer should not wear ordinary evening dress, with coloured facings if desired.

The journal supports this opinion on the grounds that mess uniform is uncomfortable, unpractical, expensive, and "with some figures not particularly becoming."

Historically, mess kit is the old full-dress uniform with the coat tails removed.

Your Daily Smile!

The village blacksmith was a Cockney Englishman with a sense of humour. One day a customer called and asked his price for welding a piece of iron, a very small job and went into detail by asking the smith how he arrived at his charges: whether he charged for the time consumed or had flat rates for the different jobs, etc.

The smith replied: "We'en HI git a job done, HI looks hit hove, and charges half that my conscience hit now. Then HI shuts my hove and doubles hit."

The Reason
Two Negroes were boasting about the merits and qualifications of their respective motorcars, both typical worn, shabby old wrecks. One of them said: "Dey's jus' one reason why Ah can't turn dis heaz car a' home 200 miles a' hour."

"An' what's dat reason?" asked the other.

"De distance is too long to do shawness of de time," said the first.

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AQUARIUM SOCIETY

Talks On Tanks And Care Of Fishes

MEETING AT UNIVERSITY

The Hong Kong Aquarium Society will hold its monthly meeting in the Biology Laboratory of the Hong Kong University on Wednesday next at 3.30 p.m.

Talks are to be given on the following subjects:

"The Preparation and Construction of Aquarium Tanks."

"A cheap form of heater for an aquarium during the present cold month."

"Types of Fishes."

Periodicals will be displayed and a general discussion on exotic fishes in general will take place. Questions on the care of tropical fishes will be answered and every possible assistance will be offered to all enthusiasts who wish to attend the meeting.

The making of many books has improved the general standard. On the contrary, the literature of 1935 and that of the past. For one sufficient reason, connoisseurs values are almost always wrong. But in this matter we are clearly right, for the past year, that

SOCIALIST VALUE OF RAILWAYS

German Centenary
Celebrated
MANY FOREIGN LINES
REPRESENTED

Nuremberg. To-day the large-scale celebration of the centenary of the German railways, which were inaugurated exactly 100 years ago with the opening of the railway line between Nuremberg and Fürth, began here yesterday in the presence of Herr Hitler and numerous leading personalities of the State and the party, as well as representatives of the world's most important railway systems, including those of Austria, Belgium, China, England, France, Greece, Hungary, Japan, Italy, Poland, Spain and Switzerland.

Early in the day an act of commemoration took place in honour of upwards of 52,000 German railwaymen who lost their lives in the Great War. Wreaths were deposited at the war memorial for the fallen railwaymen in front of the Transport Museum by the director-General, Dr. Dornmueller, on behalf of the German railways, and by Sir Josiah Stamp, chairman of the board of directors of the London, Midland and Scottish Railway, on behalf of the foreign guests.

The guests of honour were subsequently assembled in the meeting hall, the "Kulturreinhaus," where Herr Hitler delivered an address, in which he emphasized the importance of railways as a means of mass transportation.

SOCIALIST MOVEMENT

"The motor-car," the Chancellor said, "constitutes an individual means of transport, while the aeroplane makes for speed. The only reliable means of mass transportation, however, is the railway, now as before, and it will hold this position for some time to come. We can very well picture our present life without the aeroplane, and even without motor-cars, but we cannot conceive it without the railway."

"We see moreover in the development of the German railway the first really great Socialist undertaking, in contrast to the undertakings developed for the benefit of the purely capitalistic and individual interests. We shall therefore take good care that the German railways shall not become the victim of competition by other means of transport, which are not yet based and never could be based on this higher principle of socialist achievement for the good of the nation in its entirety."—Trans-Ocean Service.

Father Basil

We were welcomed with great courtesy by Father Basil, whose

duty it is to receive and take care of the guests. While the Greek monasteries are filled by illiterate peasants hardly worthy of their priceless heritage of books, the

Emilian monks are drawn from all

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WHERE HOLY RUSSIA LINGERS

MIDNIGHT RITUAL OF A DYING COMMUNITY

MAGNIFICENT CEREMONY AND PICTURESQUE RITUAL

(By J. R. Colville)

FROM the sea St. Pantaleimon and others who found a home near at hand. The copper domes of the churches add a touch of colour to the white buildings, but there are no splashes of vivid reds and blues such as decorate the earlier Byzantine monasteries.

Near the sea stands the huge hotel built to accommodate streams of pilgrims who flocked there every year from Russia, but now scarcely ever occupied by more than two or three guests. Despite the size and dignity of its conception the architecture is by no means remarkable, and there is no building of anything but recent construction.

Banned By Greece

The history of St. Pantaleimon is a sad one. Founded in the twelfth century, it has continually been deserted or destroyed, and on occasions it has contained as few as four monks. At the beginning of the century it was re-established. In 1875, the majority of the monks being Russians, a Russian abbot was elected, and it became the richest and most prosperous monastery on Mount Athos, and the recipient of innumerable gifts and favours from the Tsars.

Then the Greeks became jealous, and at the Russian Revolution they saw their opportunity. The Greek Government forbade any more Russians to enter Mount Athos on the pretext that it might be a headquarters for political intrigue. Now there are about 350 monks, but they are all old, and no young generation can arise to do the work of the monastery. All the cleaning and the drudgery must be performed by men whose hair has turned white, and who are sadly conscious that their is a dying community.

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in gold vestments had been moving with censers up and down the chapel.

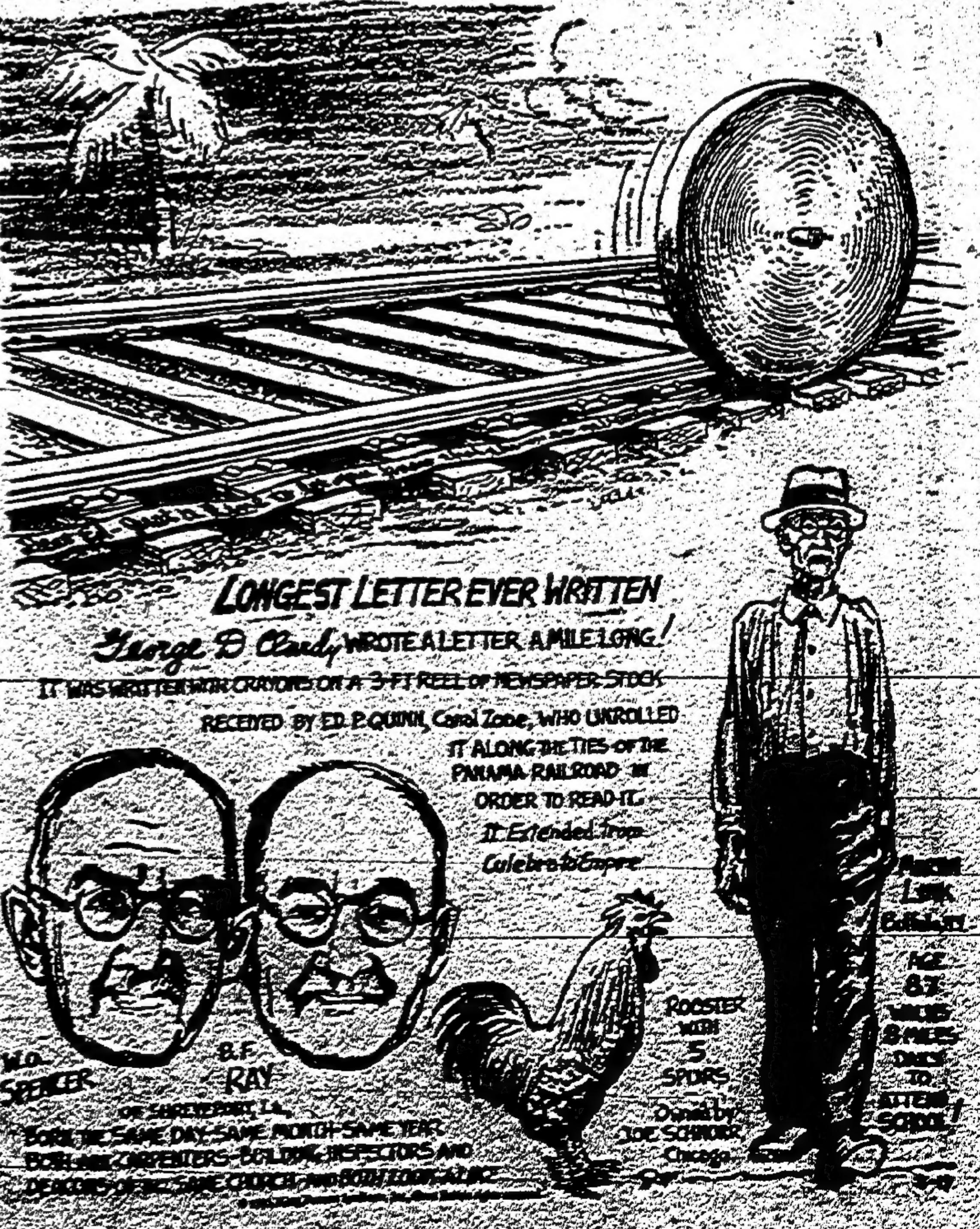
Suddenly the singing of the choir doubled in intensity as the incense-bearers flung open the doors of a screen and a procession of monks in vestments of gold entered, singing.

Last came the Abbot, with a crown upon his head, and wearing robes more resplendent than those of any of his companions. This

was the climax of the evening's service, and by now all the stalls and the gallery above were filled with the abraded figures of monks, many carrying lighted candles.

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"BELIEVE IT OR NOT" by Robert L. Ripley



JEFFERSON ALONE TO BLAME

JUDGMENT IN APPEAL COURT CASE

CHIEF JUSTICE'S FORMER DECISION VARIED

"IN my judgment the President Jefferson was alone to blame, and the judgment of the learned Chief Justice should be varied accordingly."

This was the judgment of Mr. Justice A. G. Mossop, Chief Judge in His Britannic Majesty's Supreme Court in Shanghai, who, with His Honour the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell, and two nautical assessors, recently heard the appeal and cross-appeal brought by the American Mail Line and the East Asiatic Co., respectively, against the judgment of the Chief Justice in finding the President Jefferson responsible for 70 per cent. and the Afrika responsible for 30 per cent. of the damage resulting from a collision between the two vessels in the harbour in July last year.

Mr. Justice Mossop has since returned to Shanghai, so His Honour the Chief Justice this morning read the judgment, being supported on the bench by Mr. Justice Lindsell. Both concurred with the judgment.

The owners of the Afrika were represented by Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., and Mr. H. C. Macnamara, instructed by Mr. O. E. C. Marton, while the American Mail Line were represented by Mr. F. C. Jenkins, K.C., and Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., instructed by Mr. D. H. Blake.

The Judgment
The judgment is as follows: "This is an appeal and cross-appeal from a judgment of His Honour the Chief Justice in Sir Atholl MacGregor, for two consolidated actions for damages arising out of a collision between two vessels which took place in the harbour of Hong Kong. The appellants, who were plaintiffs in the original action, are the owners of the steamship President Jefferson; and the respondents, who were plaintiffs in the original cross-action, are the owners of the motor-vessel Afrika. The material facts leading up to the collision were substantially as follows.

"On December 14, 1934, shortly after 11 a.m. the m.v. Afrika, twin screws, 485 feet in length, 60 feet beam, of 8,497 tons gross, heavily laden and drawing 30 feet 8 inches forward and 31 feet 5 inches aft, passed through Lyemun Pass, bound for a mooring berth at buoy No. A.4 in Hong Kong harbour. At the inner entrance to Lyemun Pass the Afrika was overhauled and passed by the s.s. President Jefferson, twin screws, 535 feet in length, of 14,747 tons gross, bound for a berth alongside one of the Kowloon wharves.

"At about 11.31 a.m. the President Jefferson proceeding on a westerly course, was approaching the waters south of Kowloon Point. Here she observed a "Y" signal with her house flag, hoisted on the godown signal mast of the Kowloon Wharf Company. This signal indicated that no berth at the wharves was then available.

Ordered to Keep Clear
Ordered to keep clear.

"At 11.34 a.m. when the President Jefferson was about abreast of Kowloon Point, the Wharf Company's berthing master came alongside in a tug and advised her that it would be necessary to anchor for about three-quarters of an hour. The berthing master also informed the President Jefferson that two vessels, the names of which he gave, would be sailing from the wharves at noon, and that the President Jefferson would have to keep clear of them.

"The Afrika at this time was about abreast of Holt's Wharf, some six or eight ship's lengths astern of the President Jefferson. The weather was fine and clear; there was no appreciable wind; and a 1½ knot flood tide was making from east-south-east to west-north-west.

"The waters in which a vessel usually would anchor when waiting for a berth at the wharves were those located some 1,400 feet to the westward of Pier No. 4 (new notation). On this day, however, dredging operations were being carried on in those waters, and it therefore became necessary for the President Jefferson to seek an anchorage further to the westward. Thus the master of the

HU HAN-MIN EXPLAINS

Reasons For Refusal Of Presidency

GENERAL CHIANG'S HOLD

Canton, To-day. It has been disclosed here that Mr. Hu Han-min definitely refused to accept the post of President of the Executive Yuan, to which Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek made it possible for himself to be elected for the following reasons:

That if the Central Government does not intend to oppose the Japanese invasion and the ever-increasing demands, it would directly affect the name of both himself and his followers; that the post of President of the Executive Yuan would be useless, because the entire power of all the forces in China would be in the hands of one person only. General Chiang Kai-shek.

Another Split Pending?

DISSATISFACTION IN SOUTH-WEST

Dissatisfaction reigns among the South-west leaders at the results of the First Plenary Session of the Fifth National Congress, which has just been concluded. If this atmosphere continues to reign it is quite possible that the outcome will be another split with the northern leaders.

Sensational reports and criticisms are expected when Chancellor Chow Lou and the other South-west officials return here.—Neutral News.

MR. CHOW LU SPEAKS OUT

Another Call For Unity

WHOLEHEARTED ACTION REQUIRED

Nanking, To-day. That the Kuomintang must have a definite scheme as a fundamental solution of the present national affliction was the keynote of Mr. Chow Lou's address here at the close of the first plenary session of the Central Executive Committee yesterday afternoon.

"The Government has thought out many ways to cope with the crisis in Hopei," Mr. Chow continued. "Members attending the Fifth National Congress and the first plenary session of the Central Executive Committee are filled with the idea of unity and co-operation in saving the country. As we unite together, external pressure will become stronger. Therefore we must have the means to remove the pressure."

Parallel Courses
"When south of Kowloon Point the course of the Afrika was altered to approximately west-north-west. This brought the vessel on to a course which was nearly parallel to that on which the President Jefferson was proceeding. Those on board the Afrika had not observed the flag signal hoisted on the godown signal mast, and they assumed that the President Jefferson was proceeding to a berth at the wharves. Thus the Master of the Afrika decided to set the vessel's course between buoys No. A.6 and A.7, to keep buoy No. A.6 to starboard and buoy No. A.7 to port and — having passed the latter — to make a wide swing to port and fetch up to the tide at buoy No. A.4.

"Shortly before coming up to buoy No. A.6 the course of the Afrika was again altered slightly to the northward, so as to enable the vessel to pass about 500 feet to the northward of buoy No. A.7.

"When the 'Afrika' was very nearly abreast of buoy No. A.6, and making about 5 knots over the ground, she observed the President Jefferson changing her course slightly to port. The Afrika immediately sounded two short blasts, put her helm hard aport and stopped her engines. Very shortly after this signal of two short blasts from the Afrika, the President Jefferson let go her port anchor and sounded three short blasts. This, as previously

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To-day's Short Story

Through A Glass Darkly

By Michael Hume

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Charles Francis, handyman of the village of Heathley, was a schemer and rogue, and his knaveries were so masterly that even his closest crony—George Spine, the squire's foreman—would accept the one-sided workings of fortune as unaccountable acts of God; while Francis himself ruled the rustic roost with so deft a brain that at times his fellows seemed as no more than tools for his convenient shaping. Then Francis met a bigger knave than himself.

He was a stranger, travelling with crates of glass in a cart, and the price he asked per crate was so preposterous that Francis suspected some underhand work. Then the man let fall that he was a Methodist, like Francis himself, and the doubts were dispelled. And when he drew out two sheets of the glass and exhibited them, their

quality was so superb that the buyer cared never a pin how they had been come by but brought out his money-bag and hunted for the coins. Then even during the payment, and on a brother Methodist, Francis had to play a small knavery, for he pretended he lacked a half-crown and the man had to abate that much of the thirty shillings.

TO-MORROW'S STORY

To-morrow's story will be "The Wart Hog," by Franz F. Wimberger.

"A COUNTRY GIRL"

Philharmonic's New Production

LIVELY SHOW PROMISED

This well-known musical play, which is being produced by the Philharmonic Society at the Queen's Theatre from January 15 to 18 next, is one of the most popular of the series of musical plays which were in vogue at home early in the present century.

Full of good times, with plenty of fun and dancing, it provides a feast of colour, action and sound for nearly three hours, and was revived in London early this year with great success.

The choruses of the Society are noted for their excellence, and with the music in the capable hands of Mr. A. B. Yule, the chorus of "A Country Girl" will be found to be ranked with the best the Society has ever had.

Considerable Progress

The Society is also fortunate in having obtained an excellent cast, many of whom are new to the Hong Kong Stage, and with the support of many old hands, are making good progress towards

perfection under the baton of Mr. Yule and the skilful direction of the Hon. Producer, Rev. Cyril Brown, M.A.

The Society is to be congratulated in having obtained the services of these two gentlemen, and when it is stated that the dancing is in the hands of Miss Daisy O'Keefe, who, it will be remembered, was responsible for the excellent dances in the Society's production of "Merrie England" in 1927, it will be realised that no effort is being spared to place the Society on the road to another of its many successes.

WANG CHING-WEI INTERVIEWED

Glad To Lay Down Onerous Duties

Shanghai, To-day.

Interviewed by the local press at his sick-bed yesterday, Mr. Wang Ching-wei stated that he was glad he had been relieved of his duties as President of the Executive Yuan, and was succeeded by Marshal Chiang Kai-shek in that capacity.

Referring to his appointment as Chairman of the Central Political Council, Mr. Wang said that he was afraid he was unable to assume the new post, both because of ill-health and the heavy responsibility of the post.

Immediately after the election on Saturday morning, the President of the first plenary session of the Fifth C.P.C.

sent a telegram to Mr. Wang, informing him of his appointment, and wished him an early

recovery, so that he will be

able to assume the new duties soon.

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RIOTS IN CAIRO NEW TRAIL OF DESTRUCTION

Further Demonstration
By Students

SEVERAL POLICE INJURED
BY STONES

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Cairo, To-day.
Serious rioting broke out here again yesterday morning when a large crowd, comprised principally of students, assembled near the medical faculty of the university and pelted the police with stones when the latter attempted to disperse them.

Although the authorities denied that trouble was brewing and mounted police as well as armoured cars patrolled the streets, they were not able to prevent the mob halting several trams and buses, turning out the occupants and setting the vehicles on fire, as well as knocking down lamp posts and igniting the gas which streamed out so that flames several feet high shot up from the pavement.

The police, who were hard pressed by the rioters, a number being injured by stones, fired several salvoes over their heads and arrested hundreds—Trans-Ocean Service.

DRASTIC MEASURES PENDING
Cairo: The rioting has left a trail of destruction in the shape of felled trees, smashed street lamps, disabled buses and burnt-out trams.

The authorities are preparing drastic measures to deal with any further rioting. The Minister of Interior announced that all forbidden demonstrations will in future be suppressed by firearms if necessary, to safeguard life and property.—Reuter.

CAVALRY CALLED OUT

An earlier message stated that Egyptian infantry and cavalry had been called out as a precautionary measure following renewed rioting.

Bands of students who were on strike set on fire a number of trams, and stoned and turned horses on the police from the balconies of the Kas Belaini Hospital.

The police, as a warning, fired shot guns, but the aggressors were out of range.

Earlier instructions to the police to deal leniently with the students were cancelled by the Minister of the Interior, who authorised the use of violence if necessary.

All faculties of the Egyptian University, which was to have been reopened on December 1, had been closed indefinitely.

POLICE RESERVE
Orders For The Current Week

Orders by the Hon. Mr. T. H. King, Inspector-General of Police. Arrival of H.E. Sir Andrew Caldecott Kt., C.M.G., C.B.E. The following Police Reservists will parade for duty in connection with the arrival of H.E. Sir Andrew Caldecott Kt., C.M.G., C.B.E., on Thursday, December 12, 1935.

Chinese Company

20 members of the Chinese Company to parade at Central Police Station at 08.40 hours to draw arms. Dress—Blue Uniform, Cap with White Cover, Belt with Brace, and Truncheons.

Indian Company

28 members of the Indian Company to parade at Central Police Station at 08.40 hours to draw arms. Dress—Blue Uniform, Cap with White Cover, Belt with Brace, and Truncheons.

Flying Squad

10 members of the Flying Squad to parade at Central Police Station at 08.40 hours to draw arms. Dress—Blue Uniform, Cap with White Cover, Belt with Brace, and Truncheons.

Emergency Unit Reserve

12 members of the Emergency Unit Reserve to parade at Central Police Station at 08.40 hours. Dress—Blue Uniform, Cap with White Cover, Belt with Brace, and Truncheons.

Practice Parade

A Practice Parade will be held at 07.15 hours on Tuesday, December 10, 1935. All members taking part in this parade will fall in.



Jefferson Alone To Blame

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This alteration was insufficient to enable her to pass south of buoy No. A.7 and the Everett; and it is not now in dispute that from the time when the Afrika was abreast of buoy No. A.6 she could have done nothing more than she did to avoid the collision which occurred four minutes later.

"About two minutes after the Afrika had sounded two short blasts, she repeated this signal with her helm still hard astern. The President Jefferson replied with three short blasts, and at 11.46 a.m.—her stern by that time having just swung clear of the pile dolphin—put her engines to full astern both.

The Collision

"At 11.47 a.m., somewhere to the northward of buoy No. A.7, the two vessels came into collision, the stern of the President Jefferson making with the starboard side of the Afrika abreast of the latter's No. 2 hatch, and at an angle of about 75 degrees.

"The learned Chief Justice, who had the assistance of a nautical assessor, held that the primary responsibility for the collision rested with the President Jefferson for her breaches of Articles 23 and 29 of the Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, in that she (a) failed when at point "J" to give any indication of her alteration of course to port, and (b) failed when she sounded her first signal of three short blasts to put her engines astern.

"He held, however, that the Afrika was also to blame for having failed continuously to keep a proper watch on the President Jefferson as required by the Regulations, and for having failed to observe, as she well might have done, the President Jefferson's alteration of course to port in sufficient time to have enabled her to pass safely to the south of buoy No. A.7 and the Everett, and thus to avoid the collision. In the result the learned Chief Justice apportioned 70 per cent of the blame to the President Jefferson and 30 per cent to the Afrika.

Points Not Considered

"On this appeal the appellants claim that the Afrika alone should be held to blame, whilst the respondents claim that the President Jefferson alone should be held to blame. During the hearing a number of points were submitted to us by counsel for the parties, but in view of the conclusion at which I have arrived after giving full consideration to the advice of our nautical assessors, it will not be necessary for me to deal with all of these in detail.

"To my mind it is beyond all doubt that each of the two vessels was navigated on the morning in question with a deplorable disregard of the movements of the other of them. On the one hand the President Jefferson, in carrying out her anchoring manoeuvre in the waters and in the manner she did, would have been proceeding normally and properly had it not been for the presence of the Afrika which she, up to the moment of letting go her port anchor, wrongfully assumed to be making a course down the Central Fairway to the south of buoy No. A.7 and the Everett. On the other hand the Afrika in directing her course north of buoy No. A.7 and the Everett with a view ultimately to swinging to port and fetching up to the tide at buoy No. A.4, would have been proceeding normally and properly had it not been for the presence of the President Jefferson which she, up to the moment of arriving nearly abreast of buoy No. A.6, wrongfully assumed to be proceeding to a berth at the wharves.

Africa's Guilt

"I am of opinion that the Afrika was guilty of negligent navigation in each of the following respects:

(1) "In failing to observe the signal and house flag hoisted on the golden signal mast. Both the master and the pilot of the Afrika knew of the existence of this signal mast and the use to be made of it in the navigation of the vessel, but nevertheless failed to observe the signal and house flag hoisted on the golden signal mast.

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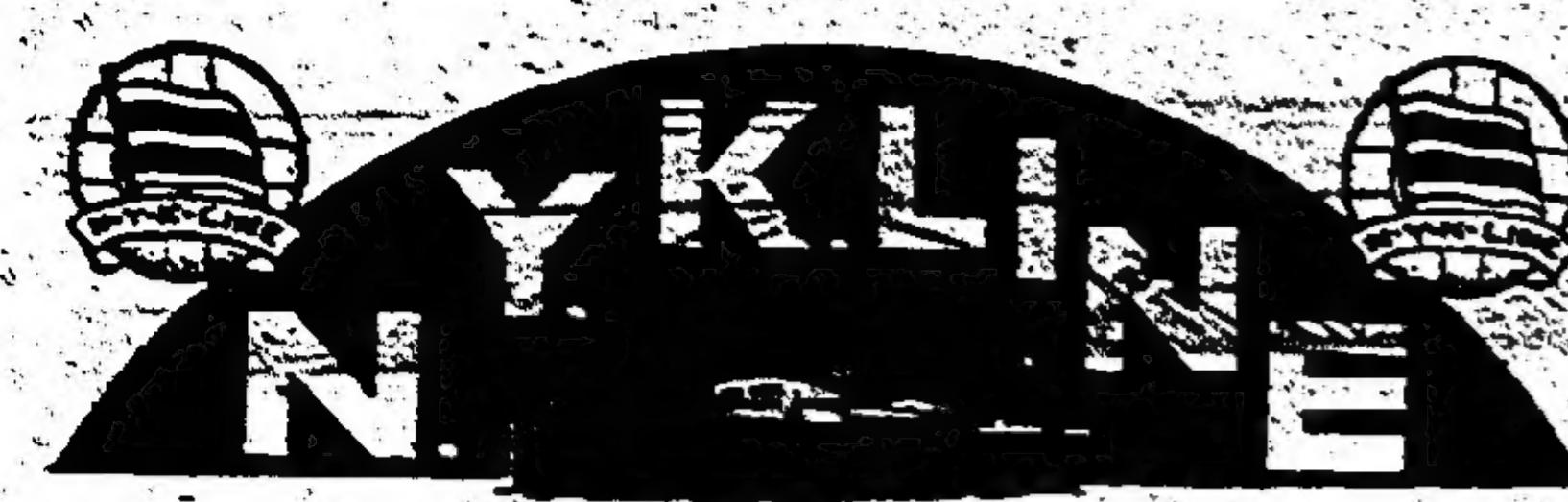
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THROUGH A GLASS DARKLY

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"I let you have the last sheet I'd got, Charlie," George said. "I may have some oddments, though. When did you want it?"

"Whuh, now," Francis said. "I got to be gettin' on with the job." "Can't manage it now, Charlie," George said, and shook his head. He was always a fuddled man, in a crisis. "I doesn't leave this here job, not for no one. I told the squire himself that third keep all on us busy for weeks and he wasn't to go takin' me away.

What I'll do, though, is look you out what you want when I get home and bring it along soon as it's dark."

Everything in connection with that cursed glass was lost of time and money. When Clara's job was done again, each miserable pane of the old had to be removed with care to bolster up the story of its value, and while Francis worked he seethed with rage against the barefaced thief who had made religion a cloak to rob an honest man of his bread. Then when the bill was presented, Clara refused to pay the extra that had been craftily added.

"I was expectin' you to charge me less, Charlie," she said, "seenin' as how I wasn't havin' that expensive glass, and now you're charmin' me more. I ain't havin' that and I tell you so straight."

That evening, when Francis's eyes fell on that pile of straw, such a mad rage came over him that he looked round for an axe or bar so that he might smash glass and crate to smithereens. But no tool lay handy, and in a calmer moment he knew the crate must be kept, for if the constable ran across the swindler in his travels, there would

be the need of full evidence before the purchase price could be demanded back.

But a night or two later there was an autumn gale and the top-came crashing from an elm on the Hall lawn, and a small branch caught the side of the main window of the morning-room. Squire Green was unaware till Soames, his butler, announced that breakfast was in the dining-room, and he announced it with much apology, for his master was an irascible man who hated thwarting and change.

"Have it put right at once," he said. "Send for Spline and say I expect the window repaired by the time I'm home."

"Spline is very busy, sir, if you'll allow me to say so," Soames told him with the humility of experience. "I believe he's on the roof."

"Down you! don't I know it?" The old man roared at him, and Soames scurried out to give the order.

Now the squire was shooting at Worley that day and the next, and Spline, though grumbling mightily at being called away from so urgent and ticklish a job, was glad enough of the old man's absence.

And even if he had owned one of those new-fangled things called bikes, it would have taken him half a day to ride to the town and back so he clutched at the straw of Charles Francis and hurried down to the workshop-cave.

"Have I got any?" Francis said, and laughed with a large contempt. "Course I have, and just the size you want. Had it come in only yesterday, and the real stuff for the job."

He brought in two sheets with bay wisps to carry them by.

"Here you are, George. There's the kind you hain't never seen before, not no one else in this village neither. From London" then two sheets came, where they're a-pullin' of 'em in all the big buildin's. The latest found-out, they are. Do you have a look?"

He held a sheet to the light. George looked rubbed his eyes, looked again and then blinks, for mortal man had never beheld the strange, shimmering, tormented shapes that should have been honest and true.

"Bommat' glass over I need, Charlie. Can't make it out."

Francis nodded, and his voice took on a quiet gravity.

"I reckoned you'd be surprised," he said, and exhibited the rare merits of the new-fangled glass. George listened open-mouthed, for there was much of the simulation about him and his master had the profoundest faith. And so much did he credit the tale that when Francis mentioned the price, Francis said, "I can't overmuch for the latest invention to make the butler and maid of the house as comfortable as the world over."

He had a look at the glass, and then the squire, in a sudden fit of impatience, stamped his foot and said, "I'll be off to the office now, and you can get the glass to me when you've got it ready."

remained for those whose good pleasure it might be merely to inspect the view.

Next morning the squire was early down and in high good humour, with that second day's shoot in mind. As he took the chair the butler held, he sniffed, and then identified the smell as putty and paint.

"The window's mended then, Soames?"

"Yes sir," said Soames, "and a very good job Spline has made of it—if I may say so, sir."

But as soon as the squire had spread his napkin and his eyes turned to that side window, something of a smile came to his face.

"Pheasants on the lawn, Soames! And two of them!"

"Indeed, sir?" Soames said, and went on pouring out the coffee.

"Most extraordinary," the old man was going on. "Soames, they've got freckled necks."

"Freckled necks, sir?" He had a look but from his place behind the chair that devilish glass played a new trick and his eyes were opening in astonishment. "I'm afraid I don't see any pheasants at all, sir."

"What?" the old man roared at him. "Use your eyes, man. There they are, look!—plain as a pikestaff."

Soames licked his lips. The other saw his bewilderment and when he looked again, his own view-point had shifted an inch or two, so that he snapped his eyes. Then he buried his napkin aside and strode over to the window. As he peered through, each movement of his head brought a new distortion, and now he saw a bird of

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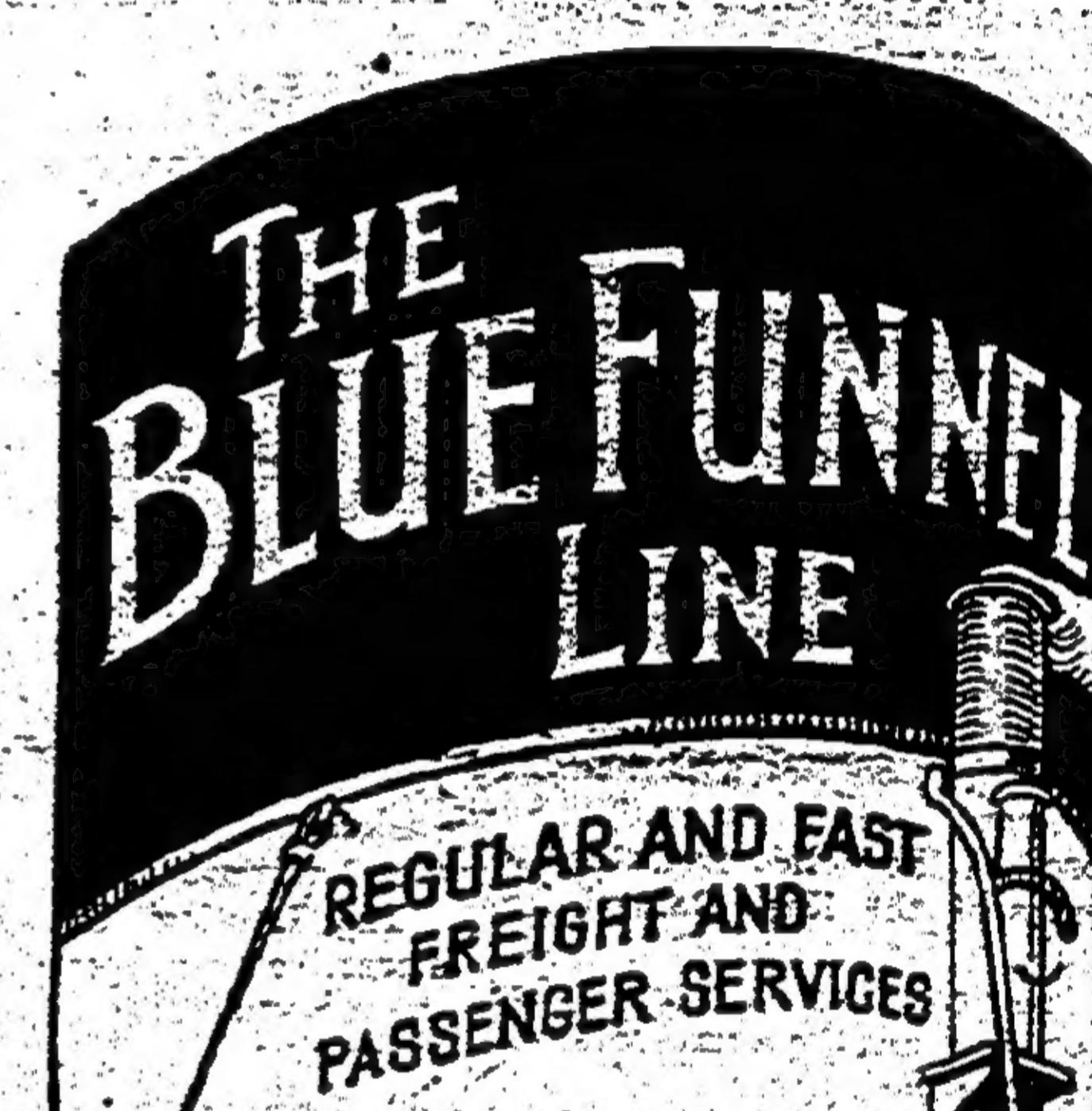
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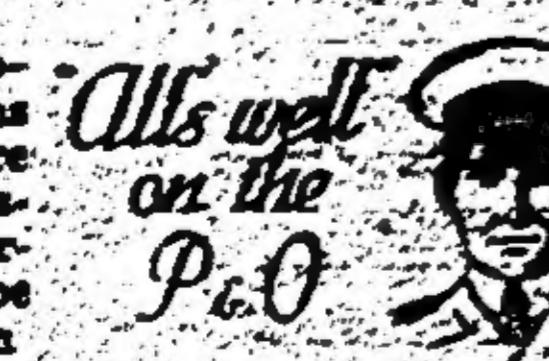
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Through A Glass Darkly

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sorts, now two sorts of sizes, then a mere midget of a fit and then a cross between stock and ostrich, and when with a sudden inspiration he looked through an original pane and had an un-distorted view, the two pheasants as Soames had said, were not there at all but alone in the middle of the lawn was a military thrush!

The veins pulsed on neck and temples and for a moment watch held him motionless. Then as he roved a raging eye around he saw a paper-weight on the side table and at once he was seizing it and hurling it through the window. Then the poker completed the job, and when at last he stood panting back, most of the rage had gone, though the look he turned on Soames was more of a glare.

"Did you see Spine putting those panes in? Answer me, fool! Don't stand there looking like a fish."

Soames owned up, and ventured to add that the glass was a new kind and not really meant to be seen through. The old man's roar ing voice out him short.

"Damn you! are you mad—or am I? Fetch Spine at once."

Soames shook a resolute head. "I'm sorry, sir, but Spine definitely can't come. He doesn't leave that roof, uncovered—not with rain about."

"Then get someone else. Have that window right by the time I'm home or I'll sack the pair of you."

Soames shook a helpless head.

"But who am I to get, sir? There isn't anyone but Francis."

"Francis?" The name of that radical rogue gave the old man pause, then he blustered it out. "Get Francis then, you fool. Didn't you hear me?"

Soames made his hasty way to Francis's barn and briefly explained the situation. Francis quenched his laughter somehow and his eyes had merely a twinkle.

"You've come to the right man, sir, when you come to me. Wait a minute, sir, when you come to me. Wait a minute, sir, and I'll show ye."

He came back with those two super-sheets that had been the swindler's lure and held one to the light.

"There you are, sir," he said with a rare dignity. "That's what I call glass—and I owe to know."

Inside half an hour he was at work and the hum of a hymn-time floated incongruously about the squire's morning-room. Often he chuckled as he recalled the tale of the two pheasants, and how George dared never own to the source of those monstrous panes; and as he putted and painted he planned a bill of only moderate dimensions as a bait for yet more work, and he knew that at last he had something to set off against the cursed incubus of that damnable crate.

Next morning the page-boy brought word down that the squire wished to see Francis at once. The old man was standing before the mended window and he nodded amiably enough as Francis was shown in.

"Good glass you put in here, Francis. I might say, very good glass."

When Francis talked, the squire sang again.

"Well, sir, if I may say so, what else did you expect? I know the high-class sorts work you want."

"And that's what I live in this here parish to supply you with, sir. When I do a job for a gentleman like you, sir, I intend it shall stand lookin' at, and when I buy the best. And for why, sir? Because I'm like you, sir. I know some scheme to account for the best allus pay in the long run."

As Francis strolled home, he had but one cloud on his mind—that the crate held too little glass for the job.

But his thoughts were busy with some scheme to account for the use of the best allus pay in the long run.

He would.

The old man was listening with a queer interest. Francis was a man of ideas and principles.

"When you could make Spine see it then, Francis," he said. "He wants to buy the best and get the best. The man's a fool and always was. Get your bill."

Francis respectfully produced and the squire raised his eyebrows as he went over to the bureau.

"Remarkably reasonable, Francis. Very reasonable indeed."

Francis flicked his forelock with a thank you. The old man took the receipt and then opened the French door.

"You might as well go this way, Francis. I'll save your steps."

"Thank ye, sir," said Francis again, and followed him out.

The old man chatted about the late harvest and the poor progress of that war that the Boers had halted only when he came to the large greenhouse that stood at the kitchen garden end. As Francis's eyes fell on the neglected wood-work and puttying and the cracked and leaky panes, a thought flashed to his mind and set his mouth to a sudden gape.

"You'll excuse me suggestin' it, sir, but haint you let this here greenhouse go a mite too far?"

Soames shook a resolute head. "I'm sorry, sir, but Spine definitely can't come. He doesn't leave that roof, uncovered—not with rain about."

"Then get someone else. Have that window right by the time I'm home or I'll sack the pair of you."

Soames shook a helpless head.

"But who am I to get, sir? There isn't anyone but Francis."

"Francis?" The name of that radical rogue gave the old man pause, then he blustered it out. "Get Francis then, you fool. Didn't you hear me?"

Soames made his hasty way to Francis's barn and briefly explained the situation. Francis quenched his laughter somehow and his eyes had merely a twinkle.

"You've come to the right man, sir, when you come to me. Wait a minute, sir, and I'll show ye."

He came back with those two super-sheets that had been the swindler's lure and held one to the light.

"There you are, sir," he said with a rare dignity. "That's what I call glass—and I owe to know."

Inside half an hour he was at work and the hum of a hymn-time floated incongruously about the squire's morning-room. Often he chuckled as he recalled the tale of the two pheasants, and how George dared never own to the source of those monstrous panes; and as he putted and painted he planned a bill of only moderate dimensions as a bait for yet more work, and he knew that at last he had something to set off against the cursed incubus of that damnable crate.

At the foot of the roads the constable turned the other way, and Francis's steps quickened. Once out of the other's sight, he quickened his walk to a run, and in less than no time he was hurrying the pony. Maybe he might be able to buy two more crates.

Francis waved a tolerant hand. Long experience had taught him wariness and it was not his way to let another guess an inkling of his business.

"Thank you all the same, Fred, but I don't reckon I'll trouble. If he should hap to be a rogue, that ain't his fault. That's the fault of them jolly fools what can't look after themselves."

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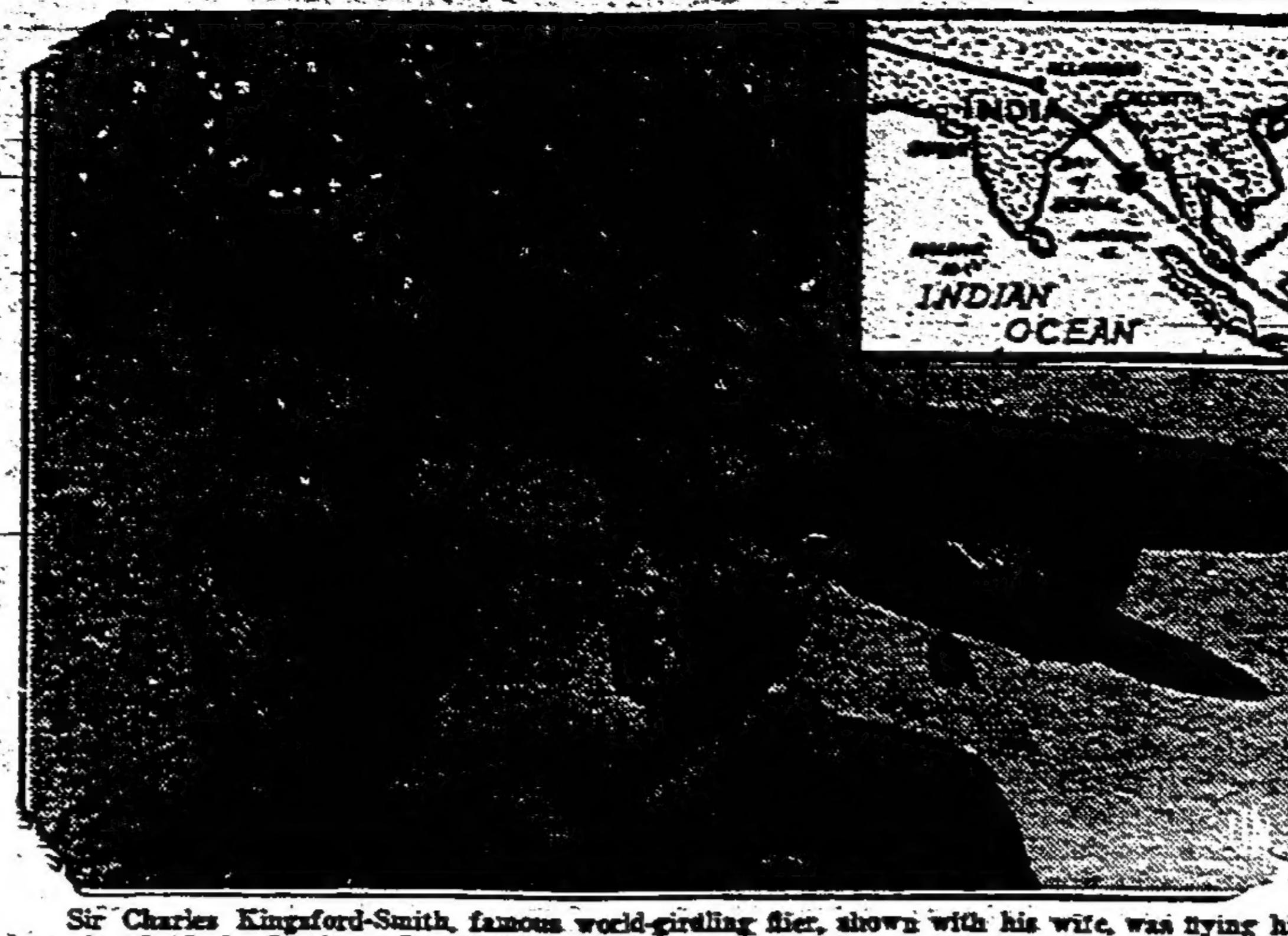
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Sir Charles Kingsford-Smith, famous world-girling flier, shown with his wife, was flying his low-winged "Lady Southern Cross" (above), when last reported over the Bay of Bengal on a flight from England to Australia. The map shows where planes and ships searched for the missing aviator and his co-pilot. A message on Saturday stated that hope had been given up concerning his welfare.

ECONOMISTS TO MEET

Pending Parley At Canton

DISCUSSION OF POLICY

Canton, To-day. The leading economists of China will meet at Canton from December 26 to 28 under the auspices of the Economic Society of China, when monetary, banking, and other economic questions will be discussed.

A preparation committee was formed on Saturday at a meeting held at Tai Ping Restaurant at North Wing Hon Road. Members of this committee are Mr. Hu Chi-sien, member of the Kwangtung Provincial Government; Professor Ching Hung-ho of Sun Yat-sen University, Dean Lee Tai-che of Koo Ying-fan University, Mr. Kiang Ting-kai of the Shanghai Commercial and Savings Bank, Mr. Lin Tien-mu and Mr. Ling Kee of the Provincial Treasury.

The meeting of the Economic Society will be held at the Municipal Reception Building. — Union News.

FALLING 1,000 FT. BY PARACHUTE

What It Feels Like Recorded

DOCTOR'S EXPERIMENT

Chicago, Illinois. Captain Harry G. Armstrong, a doctor in the United States Army, recently jumped from an aeroplane and fell 1,000 feet without opening his parachute in order to study the sensations of a falling man. This is how he describes them in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

"Throughout the free fall all conscious mental processes seemed normal, and as soon as the aeroplane was cleared fear and excitement disappeared. Consciousness was unclouded. While the eyes were closed all sense of motion was lost. With the eyes open there was a tumbling motion of the body. At an altitude of 1,000 feet the ground was sighted and it was then noticed for the first time that there was a definite sensation of falling." — Reuter.

THE BOMBING OF DESSIE

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A communiqué announces that the Italian troops have now retired and are fortifying their line, Aksun-Adowa-Adigrat, with barbed wire and machine-guns every hundred yards. They are evidently expecting an attack of which the Abyssinian military authorities at Dessie are ignorant. — Reuter.

CHIANG VIRTUAL DICTATOR

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Under the slogan of "Unity and Co-operation," General Chiang secured these three posts with the tacit approval of all the Kuomintang leaders, including those from Canton.

GIANT LINER QUEEN MARY TO SAIL ON JUNE 5

Entire Accommodation Booked For Maiden Voyage

The maiden voyage of the a.s. Queen Mary will start from Southampton on June 5, 1936, when the giant liner will clear for New York according to cable advice received by the Shanghai representative of the Cunard White Star Lines.

The cable also declared that the accommodations for the maiden voyage have all been taken and that it will be impossible for the company to accept any further reservations for that sailing.

PARIS TALKS PROVE SATISFACTORY

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"Imbued with the same anxiety to arrive as soon as possible at a peaceful and honourable settlement of the Italo-Abyssinian conflict, we have worked hard and are satisfied with the results achieved."

REQUEST TO DUCE

It is generally assumed that the French and British Governments will request Signor Mussolini to state his demands and intentions without delay, so that they may inform the Committee of Eighteen, which is re-assembling next Thursday, as to the success or failure of their efforts for conciliation.

In the former case the proposed oil embargo would presumably be postponed for the time being, while in the latter case the embargo would probably come into force on January 1. Well-informed circles stress that the French-British formula of conciliation merely constitutes recommendations and that the ultimate decision will be left to the League of Nations. — Trans-Ocean Service.

COMPLETE ACCORD

Paris: Complete accord was reached at the Laval-Hoare conversations. M. Laval, in the course of a statement at the conclusion of the statement last evening, said that, animated by the same spirit of reconciliation and pertinent Franco-British friendship, they considered formulae which should serve as the basis for the friendly settlement of the Italo-Abyssinian conflict.

It must first be submitted for the appreciation of the Governments interested and for the decision of the League. There is no question of making the formulae public at present.

They worked with one and the same desire, to ensure as rapidly as possible a peaceful and honourable solution. Both sides were satisfied with the results reached. — Reuter.

CANTON OFFICIALS FOR SHANGHAI

Departure By Plane Held Up

Canton. To-day.

The Douglas Dolphin amphibian of the China National Aviation Corporation took off for Shanghai at 6.30 a.m. yesterday with several local officials on board, but the machine turned back owing to bad weather and poor visibility.

As the weather in the afternoon did not clear up, the plane had to postpone its departure until to-day. — Union News.

DEATH OF A PRISONER

Coroner's Inquest Held

VERY POOR CONDITION ON ADMITTANCE

Death from natural causes was the verdict returned at the coroner's inquest held at the Central Magistracy this morning to enquire into the circumstances of the death of a prisoner, Li Kui, at the Victoria Gaol Hospital.

Mr. W. Schofield sat as Coroner and Messrs. Ed. da Souza (Foreman), A. P. Souza and F. H. Farne composed the jury.

Very Poor Condition

Dr. L. Shaw stated that the deceased prisoner was on November 23 sentenced to one year and six weeks' hard labour, in default of not paying a fine of \$250, and died at the Gaol Hospital yesterday at 1.56 p.m. At noon to-day, in the presence of Dr. Shaw, he identified the body as that of Li Kui. Deceased had not been subjected to hard labour since his admission to gaol.

DR. L. SHAW

Dr. L. Shaw stated that at noon to-day he performed the post mortem examination on the deceased, Li Kui, aged 40, and found the cause of death to be pulmonary tuberculosis and secondary heart failure. On admission to prison, he noticed that the deceased was in a very poor physical condition and suffering from tuberculosis and liable to sudden death. Though the man was under sentence of hard labour, this was not enforced. He was admitted to the Hospital on November 23, because his condition was so low. He gradually sank and died yesterday afternoon.

AIR RAID ON DESSIE

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A bottle was thrown from one of the planes containing a letter addressed to the native population, stating: "Long live Italy! Long live the Duce! Long live the King! We, who carry three colours with the victor's bundle, bring greetings of civilization from Rome. Give our regards to the Negus and ask him whether he has already eaten his biscuits."

The Abyssinians are extremely angry about the letter, which they intend forwarding to the League of Nations.

At the Abyssinian headquarters hundreds of propaganda leaflets which Ras Gugsa is distributing in the northern districts, urging the inhabitants to rally to his support, have been handed in. — Trans-Ocean Service.

JOHN D. BROWN

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Among the passengers who arrived to-day by the S.S. *Thiandu* was Mr. George S. T. Wan, the Director of Messrs. Java Fruit Agency and former editor of the *Sia Po*, the Malacca Chinese newspaper in Batavia, Java, who is leaving to-morrow by the same steamer for Singapore.

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CHINESE ART EXHIBITION

ROYAL PARTY-PAYS PRIVATE VISIT

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